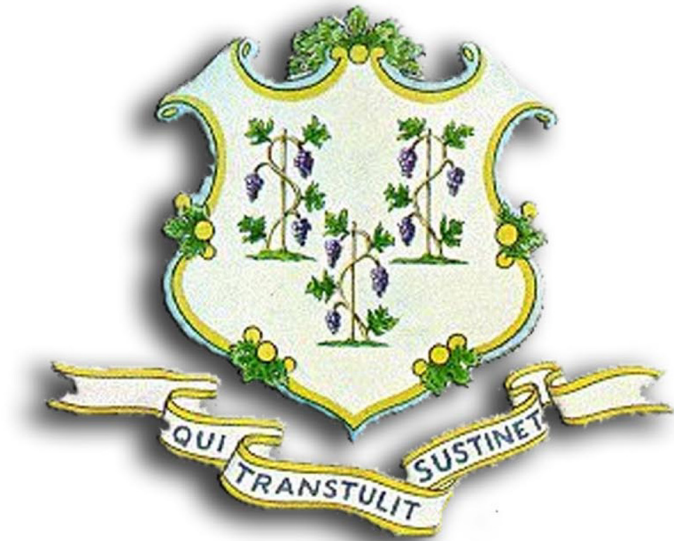


# CONNECTICUT AFRICAN-AMERICAN



## DEMOGRAPHICS

## DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

### POPULATION TRENDS

Connecticut ranks at number twenty-four in terms of states with the highest number of African-Americans. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, the number of African-Americans identified in the state was reported at **309,843**. This figure represents **9.1 percent** of Connecticut's total population. Since the 1990 census data, the African-American population has grown by **35,574**, which represents a **0.8 percent** increase. The vast majority of the African-American population in Connecticut are dispersed in the cities of Hartford, Stamford, New Haven, Bridgeport and Waterbury.

In recent times there has been considerable migration of African-Americans from the inner cities to the suburbs. Of the six major cities Hartford and New Haven still remain the cities that have the highest number of blacks, although the Hartford population has seen a sharper decline since the 1990 census. Likewise New Haven and Stamford have experienced slight declines. (Refer to Chart A). In contrast, areas such as Windsor, Hamden and Bloomfield have seen tremendous growth in the African-American population, most notably Hamden. (Refer to Chart B). The table below illustrates selected distribution of African-Americans in the state.

CONNECTICUT AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATION							
TOWN	1990 Total Population	1990 No. of African-Americans	Percent of Total Population	2000 Total Population	2000 No. of African-Americans	Percent of Total Population	Percent Change 1990-2000
BLOOMFIELD	19,483	8,084	41.4	19,587	10,589	54	12.6
BRIDGEPORT	141,686	37,684	26.5	139,529	42,925	30	3.5
HAMDEN	52,434	4,556	8.6	56,913	8,840	15.5	6.9
HARTFORD	139,739	54,338	38.8	121,578	46,264	38	-0.08
MERIDEN	58,479	2,553	4.2	58,244	3,754	6.4	2.2
MIDDLETOWN	42,762	4,747	11.1	43,167	5,291	12.2	1.1
NEW BRITAIN	75,491	5,723	7.5	71,538	7,794	10.9	3.4
NEW HAVEN	130,474	47,157	36.1	123,578	46,181	37.3	1.2
NEW LONDON	28,540	4,807	16.8	25,671	4,784	18.6	1.8
NORWALK	78,331	12,123	15.4	82,951	12,663	15.2	-0.02
STAMFORD	108,056	19,217	17.7	117,083	18,019	15.3	-2.4
STRATFORD	49,389	3,899	7.8	49,976	4,892	9.7	1.9
WATERBURY	108,961	14,133	12.9	107,271	17,500	16.3	3.4
WEST HAVEN	54,021	6,713	12.4	52,360	8,530	16.2	3.8
WINDSOR	27,817	4,792	17.2	28,237	7,648	27	9.8

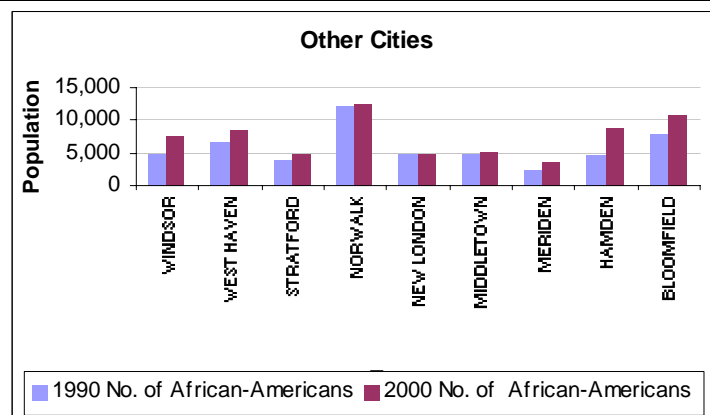
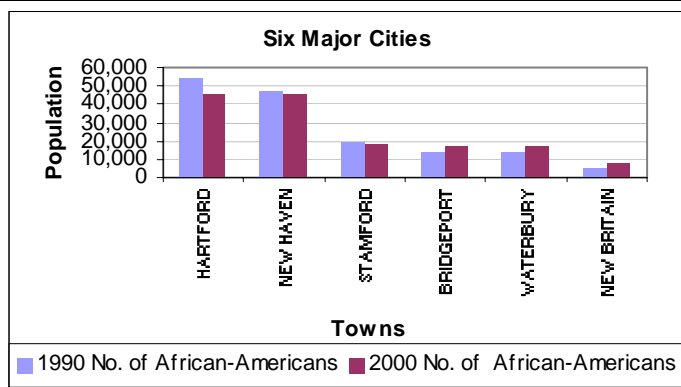


Chart A

Chart B

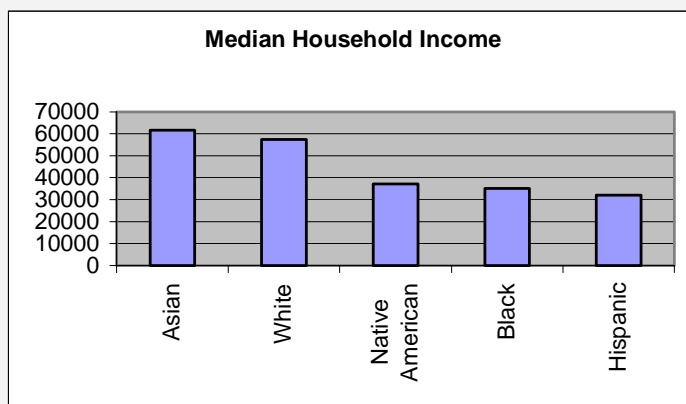
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### INCOME AND POVERTY

Disparities in income continue to grow. The wealthiest communities in the state continue to prosper, but less well-off communities have not fared as well. In 1999, personal income in Connecticut grew by 4.7 percent, but wealthier counties experienced a much higher rate of income growth than the poorer counties. Majority of the African-American population reside in poorer communities with lesser job opportunities and overall have lower income levels than their white counterparts.

*Source: (The Social State of Connecticut 2001)*

<i>Race</i>	<i>Median Household Income</i>
Asian	61,587
White	57,518
Native American	37,078
Black	35,104
Hispanic	32,075



**Table 2**

**Chart C** *Source: U.S. Census Bureau*

## AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS

### INFANT MORTALITY

“Connecticut has shown progress in the survival of infants over the past three decades; nevertheless significant racial and ethnic disparities remain. In 1999, the infant mortality rate for babies born to white mothers was **5.7** deaths per **1000**, up from **5.5** the previous year. Among black mothers, infant mortality was almost double the white rate, at **10.6** deaths per **1000**.”

*Source: (The Social State of Connecticut 2001)*

### EDUCATION

**School Enrollment** – Minority students make up an increasing proportion of the total public school enrollment. In 2000-01, minority students represented **29.9** percent of total enrollment up from **22.9** percent in 1986-87. For African-American students that number grew from **12.0** to **13.7** percent.

*Source: Connecticut Department of Education (Profiles of our Schools: The condition of Education in Connecticut 2000-01)*

**School Achievement** – The graphs below illustrate the selected performance level of African-Americans in grades four, six and eight. As the graphs indicate African-American youth lag behind all racial/ethnic groups in Mathematics and are next to last in Reading and Writing.

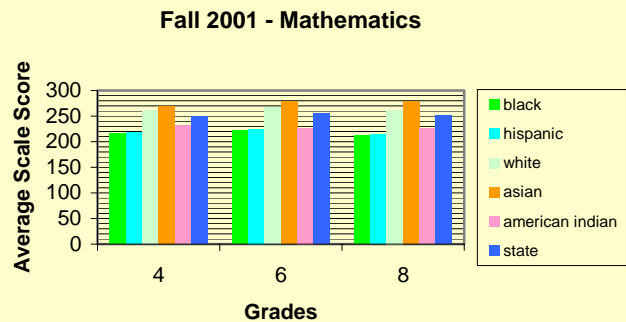
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These results can be attributed to a number of factors: lack of resources in school districts African-Americans predominantly reside and the overall adverse socio-economic conditions African-Americans commonly experience.

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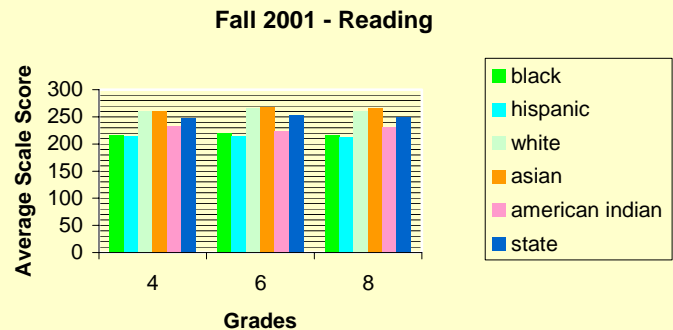
### MATH

GRADE LEVEL	4	6	8
black	216	221	212
hispanic	218	225	214
white	261	267	262
asian	268	278	278
american indian	232	227	226
state	249	255	251



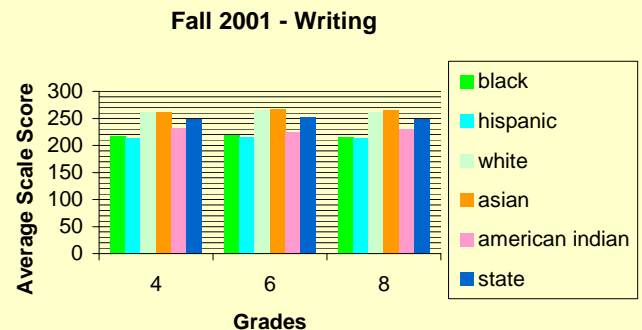
### READING

GRADE LEVEL	4	6	8
black	217	219	216
hispanic	214	215	213
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asian	261	268	266
american indian	232	224	231
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### WRITING

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## MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES

Based on the latest census data, a total of **20,400** minorities –owned businesses were identified in the state. Out of this number **7,300** were identified as black-owned businesses. Data on minority-owned firms are not comparable between 1997 and 1992, the previous year for which these data are available since the 1997 data uses a different receipt-size cut off and include C corporations for the first time.

*Source: Small Business Administration (Office of Advocacy) – 2001 Small Business Profile: Connecticut*